1	2	3	4	5
7.	Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme	2000-2001	5	5

(c) The proposals which conform to the Guidelines of the respective programmes are sanctioned subject to availability of funds. Hence, no time frame can be specified for approving the pending proposals.

Vridhavastha Pension in Pauri Garhwal

2836. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH:
MISS FRIDA TOPNO:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Vridhavastha Pension are given to pensioners/destitutes only after six months, not every month, in the Pauri Garhwal district, Uttaranchal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the pension amount of Rs. 200/- is not given, instead pensioners are paid Rs. 100/- only in the Rudraprayag district, Uttaranchal;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what action Government propose to take against the erring officers and for the timely disposal of Vridhavastha Pension to pensioners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) As per the Guidelines of the National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS), the benefits should be disbursed in not less than two installments in a year and if possible, the benefit may be disbursed in more installments as per the directions of the State Government. The Government of Uttaranchal have reported that the pensions under NOAPS are disbursed on half-yearly basis in Pauri Garhwal district.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. An amount of Rs. 125/- per month is paid to pensioners in Rudraprayag district. The State Government makes a

payment of Rs. 50/- over and above the pension of Rs. 75/- under the NOAPS.

(d) Does not arise.

Villages covered under proper sanitary system

2837. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of villages covered under proper sanitary systems at the end of the First Five Year Plan and Eighth Five Year Plan, plan-wise; and

(b) the financial assistance provided to the State Government for the introduction and development of proper sanitary system in First Five Year Plan to Ninth Five Year Plan, plan-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) The Central Rural Sanitation Programme provides coverage to all the States/UTs (including all the villages) since 1986. The Ministry of Rural Development does not monitor villages-wise data. However, State-wise details of release under the Central Rural Sanitation Programme Plan-wise is annexed. *(See appendix 192, Annexure No. 17)*

Implementation of IAY

2838. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) is being launched as a Centrally sponsored scheme in every State;

(b) if so, the funds allocated to various States for constructing houses under IAY in last three years;

(c) the State-wise target set for constructing houses under IAY in Ninth Plan; and

(d) the fund earmarked and allocated therein?